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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: WILLIAM R. DUBRUL and  
 RICHARD E. FULTON  
**Application No.: 09/781,721**  
 Filed: 12 February 2001  
 Title: DILATING AND SUPPORT APPARATUS  
 WITH DISEASE INHIBITORS AND METHODS  
 FOR USE

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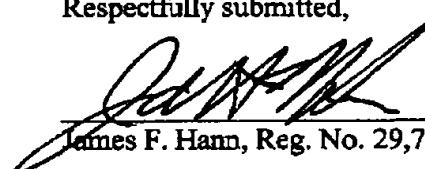
**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the restriction requirement mailed 10 December 2001, applicant  
 elects group I, Figures 2, 3A-B and 4 with claims 26 and 28-38 readable thereon.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would aid the prosecution of this  
 case in any way, please call the undersigned at (650) 712-0340.

Respectfully submitted,

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